CHAPTER 5:
PROLOGUE
OF DESTINY

FOOT OF MT. FUJI EARLY MORNING

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KUBUKAI MAIN BRANCH INSTRUCTOR KIMON KYOTARO, 4TH DAN

KIMON KYOTARO WAS UNDERGOING GRUELING TRAINING DAY AND NIGHT TO PREPARE FOR THE TRIANNUAL "FULL-CONTACT KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT", WHICH WAS ONLY A MONTH AWAY.

KUBUKAI ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR MINAMI GORO, 3RD DAN
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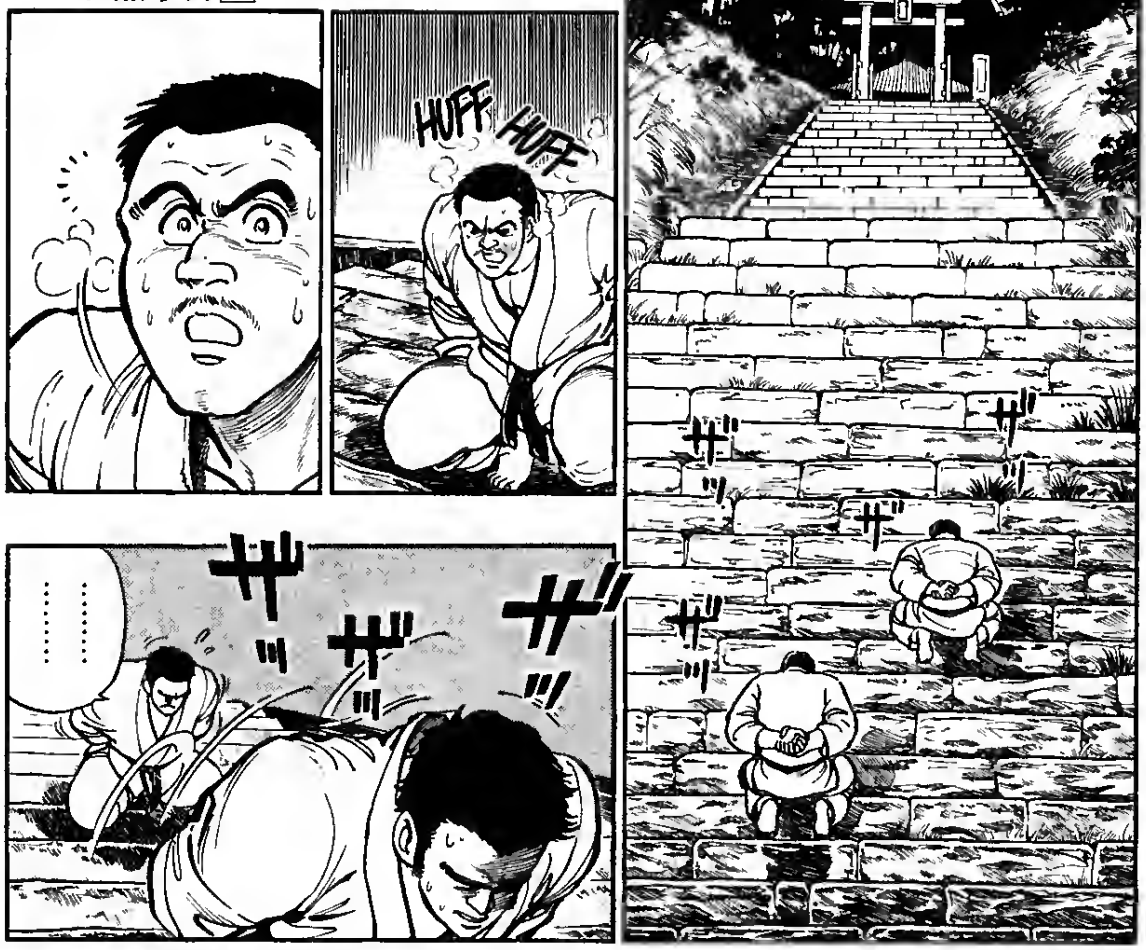
EISHAA AAAH!!
SEIIIII!!
ORYAAA AAAAA AAAAH!!
OHH!!
DEFEAT ARTHUR SOLOMON, AND PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF JAPAN, THE MOTHERLAND OF KARATE!
I HAVE ONLY ONE GOAL...
ARTHUR SOLOMON ...
HAAAA AAAAA AAH!!

UOORYAA AAAAAAA AHHHHH!!
UGAA AHHH ...!!
URYAAA AAAH!!
EISHAAA AAAAH!!
ONE MORE TIME !!
O- OSU!!
YEAH!!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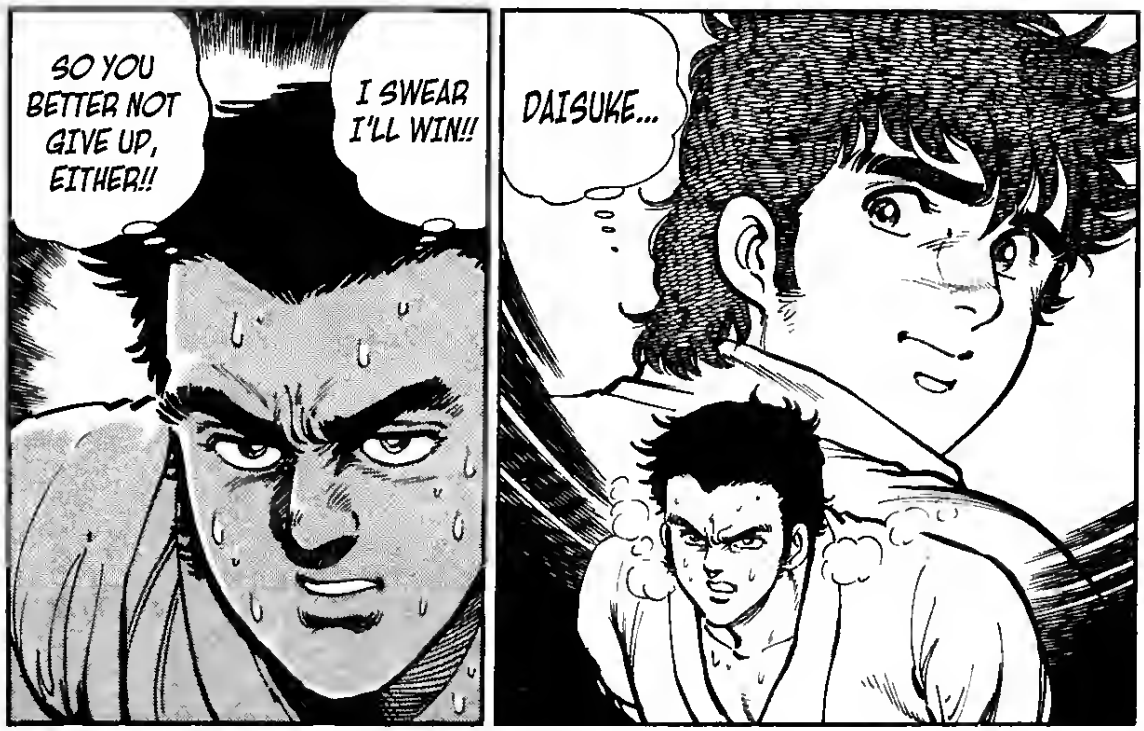
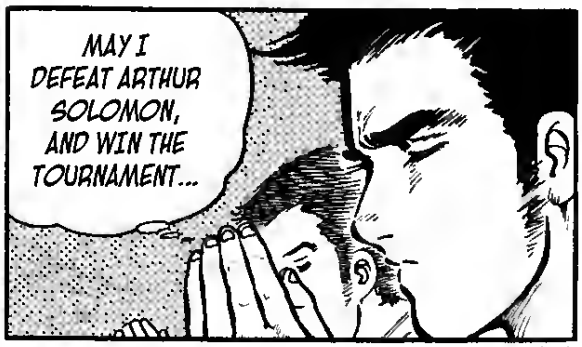

SO YOU BETTER NOT GIVE UP, EITHER!!
I SWEAR I'LL WIN!!
DAISUKE...

MAY MY BROTHER DAISUKE STAY ON THE RIGHT PATH AND GROW UP TO BE A GREAT MAN...
AND...

MAY I MAKE IT TO THE TOP 4, AND LEAD JAPAN TO VICTORY...


MAY I DEFEAT ARTHUR SOLOMON, AND WIN THE TOURNAMENT...

ALRIGHT! LET'S START WITH ONE FOR YOU...
HAHA... SURE, WHY NOT...
WHY DON'T WE TEST OUR LUCK AND DRAW A FORTUNE SLIP...!?
HMM?
HEY, KIMON!
LET'S SEE HERE...
...WHAT'S THE MATTER!?
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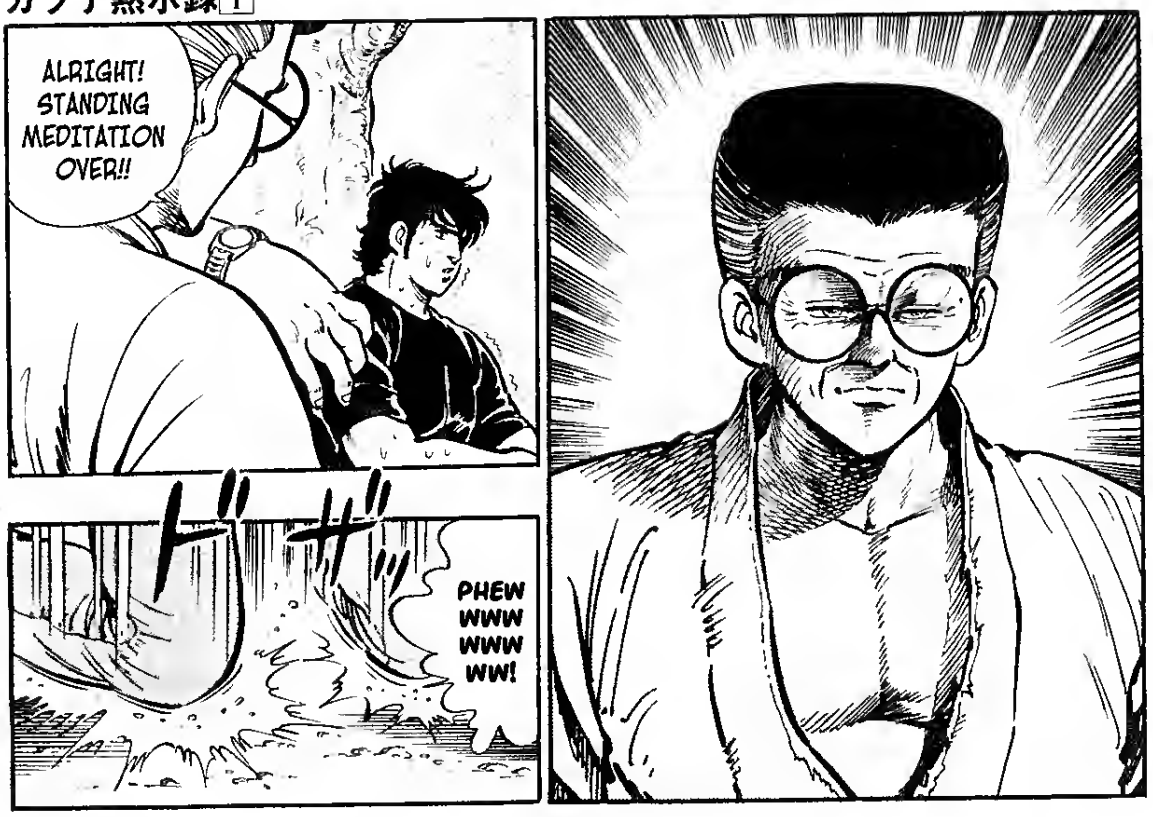
"GOD"... HUH!?
HAHHAHAHA...
Y-YOU'VE PRACTICALLY GOT THIS TOURNAMENT IN THE BAG ALREADY!!
GOD HIMSELF GUARANTEES IT!!
I-IT SAYS VERY LUCKY!! I MEAN, WHY WOULDN'T IT SAY VERY LUCKY!?

CHICHIBU
JUVENILE
DETENTION
CENTER
6:00 AM
...KCH!


ALRIGHT! STANDING MEDITATION OVER!!
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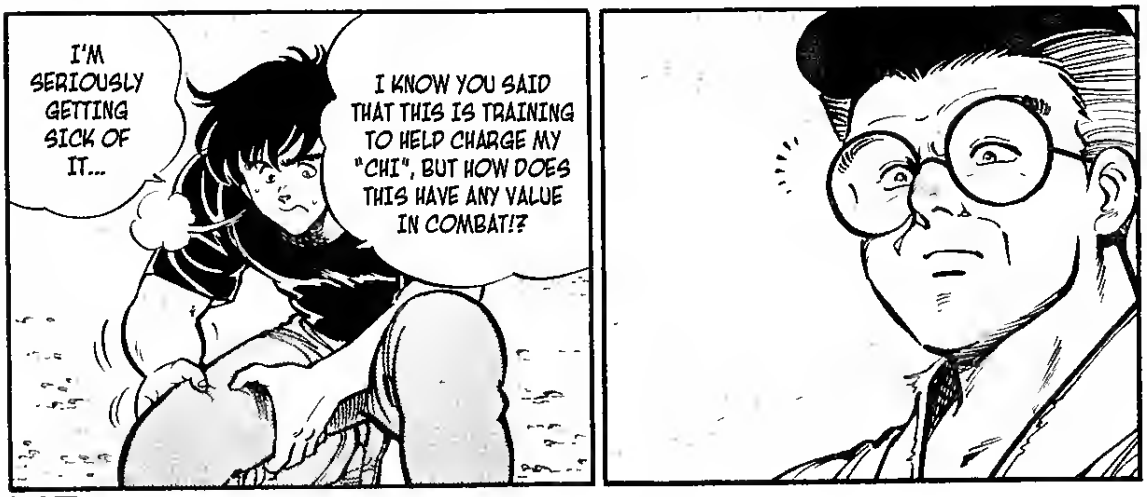
PHEW WWW WWW WW!

MR. IBA, HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO KEEP DOING THIS...!?
YOU WERE BARELY ABLE TO LAST TEN MINUTES AT FIRST, BUT NOW YOU'RE ABLE TO HOLD IT FOR AN HOUR.


I'M SERIOUSLY GETTING SICK OF IT...
I KNOW YOU SAID THAT THIS IS TRAINING TO HELP CHARGE MY "CHI", BUT HOW DOES THIS HAVE ANY VALUE IN COMBAT!?

ALL I WANTED WAS TO MASTER THE STRIKE I USED TO KNOCK IWAKAMI BACK!!
I-I NEVER ASKED YOU TO TEACH ME HAJO-STYLE KARATE!
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS MORNING TRAINING WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO LEARN HAJO-STYLE KARATE. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO, LET'S MAKE TODAY OUR LAST LESSON...!
THEN GIVE UP!
W-WAIT ...!
JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT HOUSE WILL COLLAPSE IN THE SLIGHTEST EARTHQUAKE!!
OHHHHH!? SO YOU WANT TO BUILD A HOUSE ON A FOUNDATION OF SAND!?
AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MARTIAL ARTS IS THE "ROOT"... YOU NEED A STRONG FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO EXECUTE YOUR TECHNIQUES!!
A GREAT TREE NEEDS ROOTS THAT CAN SUPPORT ITS HEAVY TRUNK, AND DELIVER NUTRIENTS TO EACH OF ITS BRANCHES AND LEAVES!
FOUNDA-TION...!?
...HUH!?
TAKE A LOOK AT THE ROOTS OF THAT TREE!

I THINK THIS'D BE WAY MORE EFFECTIVE! HEHHEHE...!
OR BUNNY-HOPS!
YOU MEAN MY LEGS, RIGHT? OKAY...
I CAN DO SQUATS ...
WE HAVE A SAYING IN THE HAJO STYLE: "STRENGTH COMES FROM THE HIPS, BUT CHI COMES FROM THE TANDEN". IN OTHER WORDS, ALL THE ENERGY THAT MOVES YOUR BODY IS GENERATED IN THE "TANDEN"!!
EXACTLY. IT IS ALSO CALLED THE "PIT OF THE STOMACH" OR THE "SEA OF CHI".
BUT STANDING MEDITATION DOESN'T SIMPLY TRAIN YOUR LEGS. IT TRAINS YOUR "TANDEN"!!
BE MY GUEST...
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I-ISN'T THAT THE SPOT BELOW YOUR NAVEL!?
OWWW ...

THERE ARE NO SHORT-CUTS IN MARTIAL ARTS!!
ONLY THROUGH TRAIN-ING!!
THAT STRIKE YOU USED TO DEFEAT IWAKAMI CAME ABOUT BECAUSE YOUR "KEI", OR YOUR MUSCLES' EXPLOSIVE FORCE, HAPPENED TO ALIGN WITH THE "CHI" IN YOUR TANDEN.
SO HOW DO I MASTER IT...!?
...S...
LET'S START YOU ON HITTING THIS SANDBAG TODAY!
THERE'S STILL HALF AN HOUR UNTIL THE MORNING ROLL CALL.
HEHHEHE... NOW THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
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URYAA AAAAA HHHHH !!

NNNNN NGH!!

KCH...!
WHOO AAAHHH ...!!

"CHI"... "CHI"!!
GODDAMMIT, I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING CRAZY!!

DON'T JUST HIT IT AS HARD AS YOU CAN!!
STRIKE IT WITH YOUR "CHI"!

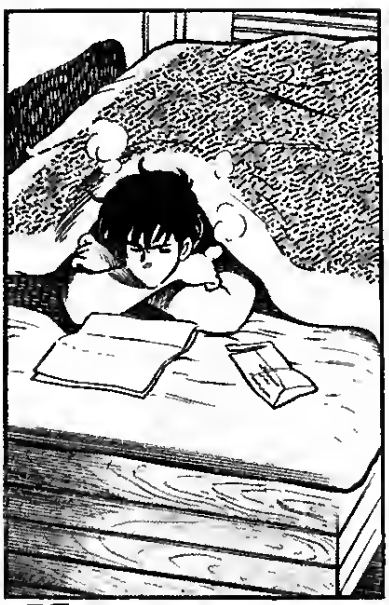
GWAA AAAAA AUGH!!

ORYAAAA AAHHHH!!
AND SO, DAISUKE'S TRAINING WITH IBA CONTINUED WITHOUT A DAY'S REST...
DYEEE AAAAA HHHH!!
SHAA AAH!!
HUH!?
WAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AUGH!!

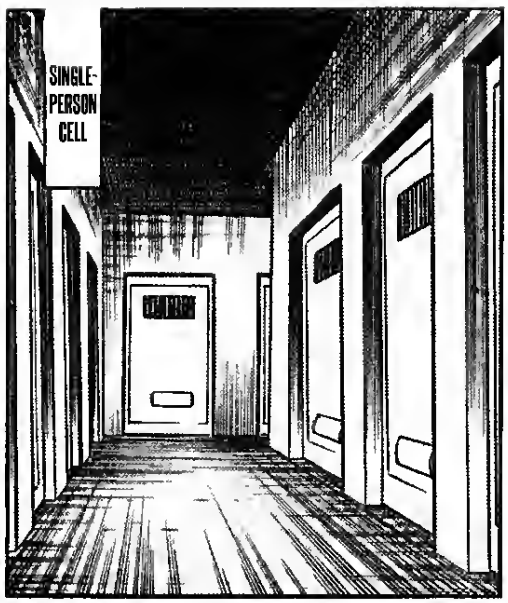
DYEE AAH!!
DYEEE AAAA AAH!!
GET UP!!
KCH!
URYAAAA AAAAAH!!
GWA AAAA UGH!!
WAA AAA UGH ...!!
URK !!

WAHAHAHA
...KCH! ARRRR GGGGG HHH!!
WE'RE NOT DONE YET!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY KEEP GOING EVERY MORNING WHEN IT'S COLD AS BALLS OUT...!!
HAAAAAAAAAH
LOOK AT THEM, STILL GOING AT IT...
DYEEA AHHH!!
EISHA AAAAA AAAH!!
IS HE REALLY PUTTING UP WITH THIS JUST TO GET STRONGER?
I HAVE NO GODDAMN IDEA WHAT HE'S THINK-ING...!
LET'S GO BACK TO BED! I CAN'T WATCH THIS SHIT ANY-MORE!!
BRRRRRR, IT'S COLD!

...HEE-HEEH...!
...HEE!



TOKYO METROPOLIS, SUMIDA WARD MIZUMOTO, 6-12-3
AKIYAMA MIZUHO


SINGLE-PERSON CELL

I ACTUALLY HAVE SOME BAD NEWS FOR YOU.
ONE OF KENZAKI'S LACKEYS, A KNIFE-USER NAMED KIDO, IS BEING SENT TO YOUR JUVY.
DEAR KIMON, I HEAR THAT CHICHIBU HAD ITS FIRST SNOWFALL ALREADY. I HOPE YOU'RE DOING WELL.
I HEAR THAT HE IS A STIMULANT USER, AND HAS A VERY TENACIOUS AND BRUTAL PERSONALITY.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.
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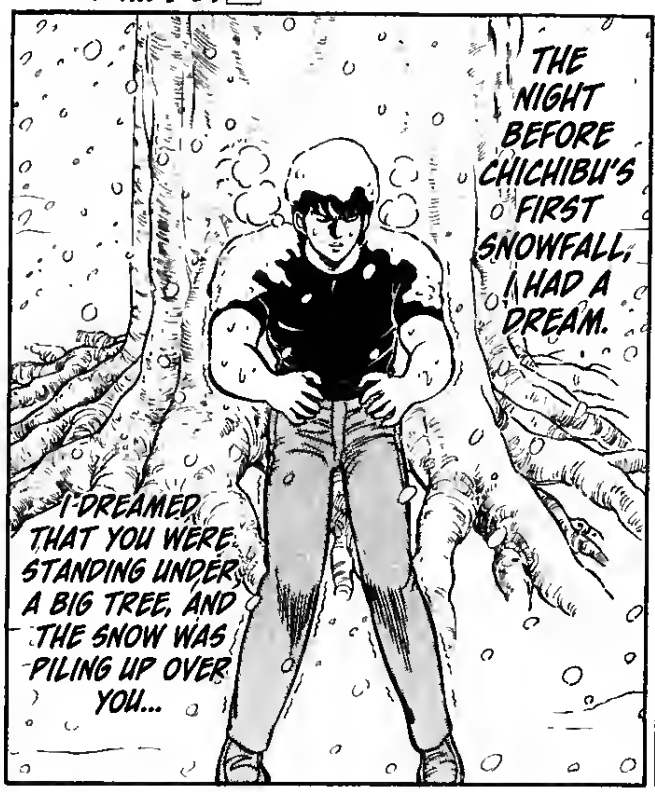
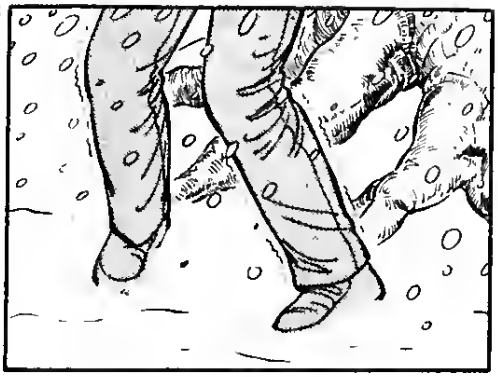
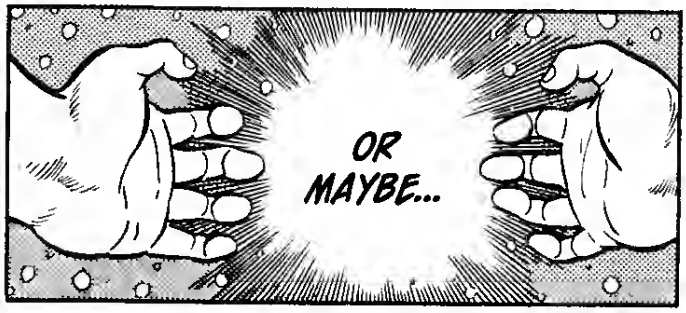

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHICHIBU'S FIRST SNOWFALL, I HAD A DREAM.
I DREAMED THAT YOU WERE STANDING UNDER A BIG TREE, AND THE SNOW WAS PILING UP OVER YOU...



WHAT WERE YOU CARRYING IN YOUR HANDS AS YOU STOOD THERE?
YOUR FUTURE ...? YOUR HOPES ...?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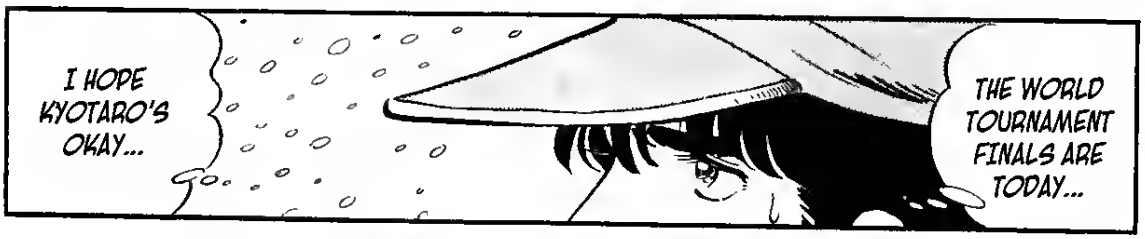
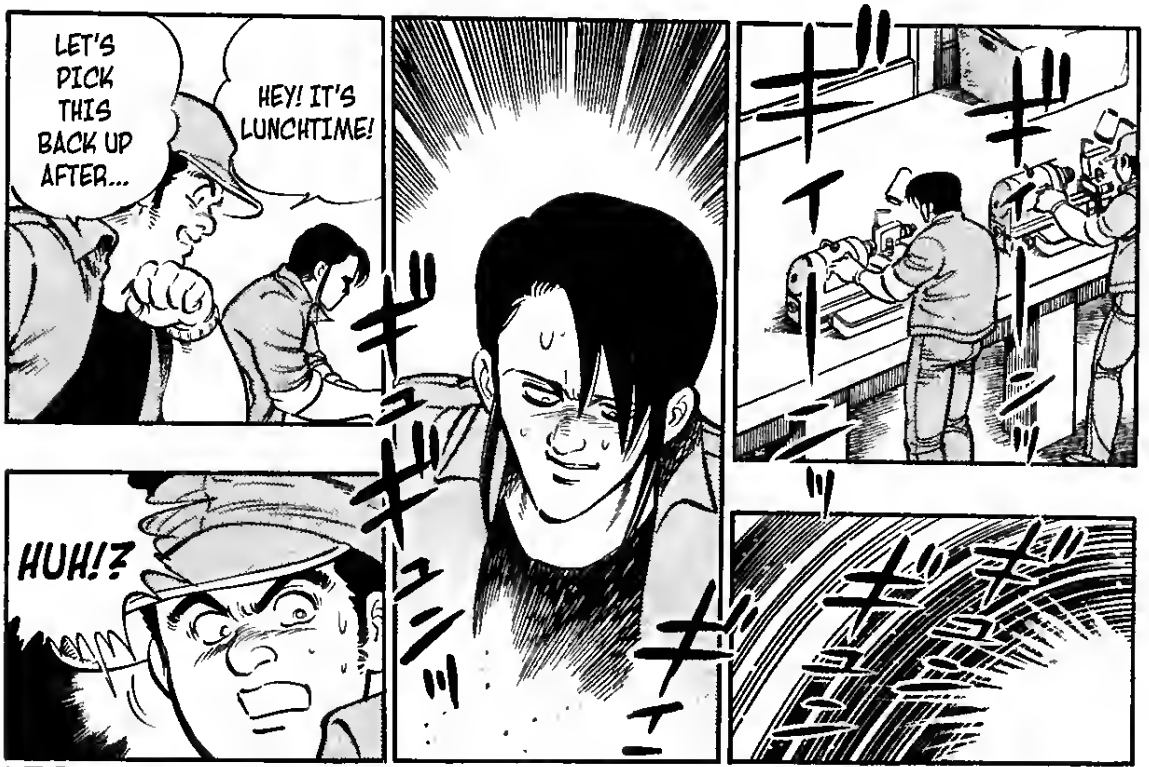
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW YOUR BROTHER MUST FEEL, WITH THE GLORY AND DIGNITY OF KUBUKAI ON HIS SHOULDERS... EVEN A GIRL LIKE ME CAN TELL...
PHEW!
OF COURSE, I'LL BE CHEERING FOR YOUR BROTHER ...
I'M GOING TO GO SEE THE "KARATE WORLD TOURNA-MENT".


I HOPE KYOTARO'S OKAY...
THE WORLD TOURNAMENT FINALS ARE TODAY...


LET'S PICK THIS BACK UP AFTER...
HEY! IT'S LUNCHTIME!
HUH!?

Y-YOU'D BETTER PUT THAT AWAY BEFORE ONE OF THE IN-STRUCTORS...
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...?
SEES ...!!
W-WHOA, WHOA!!
HEE-HEE-HEE-HEEH ...!
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR BEING A PAIN IN MY ASS...
...AHH...!
HMPF!
K... KIDO!
...Y-YOU SON OF A...!

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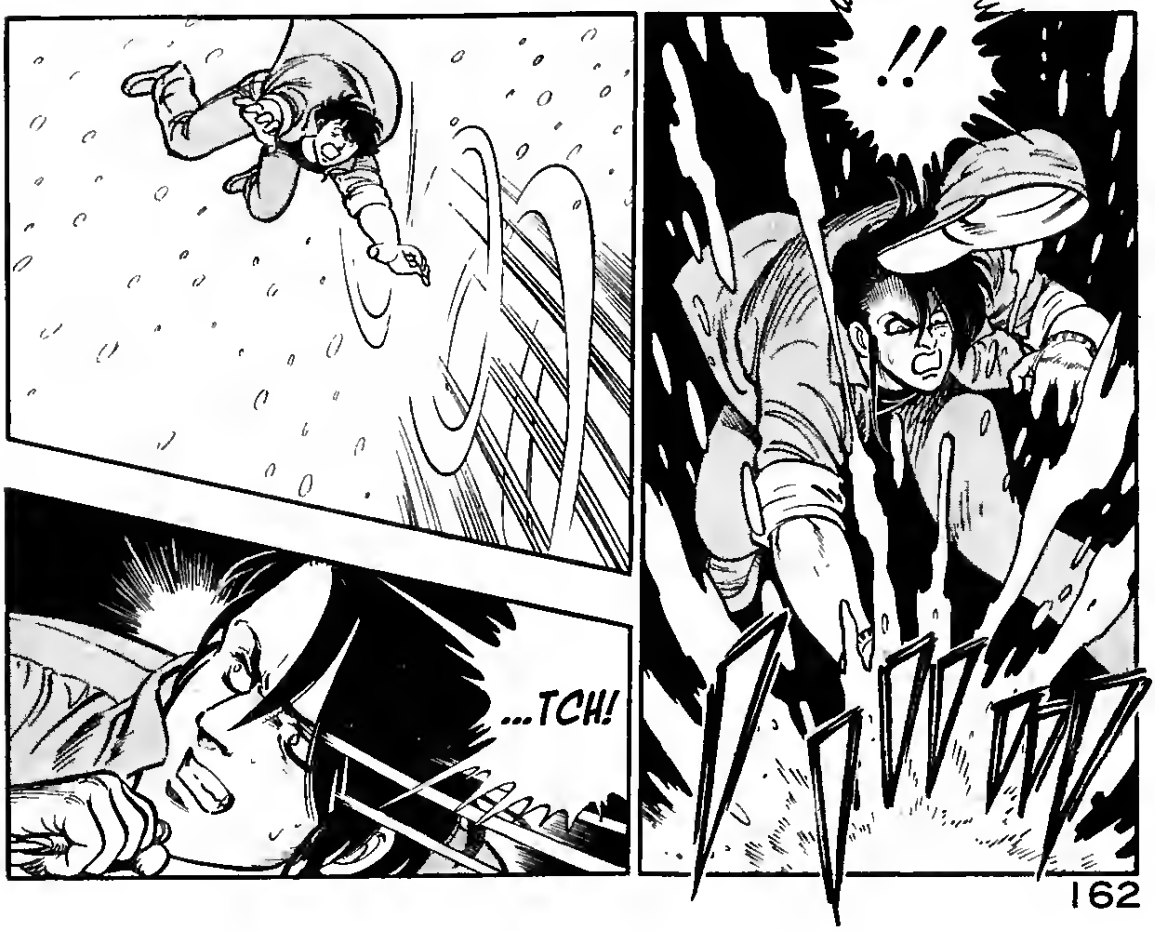
...HEE...
HEE-HEE-HEE-HEEH...!

HYOO OOOO OOOO HHHHH HHH!!
WHAT'S THIS PRESENCE I'M FEEL-ING...!?
HUH...!?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...TCH!

W-WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR...!?
H-HEY! YOU AL-RIGHT?
WHOA!!
EEP!!
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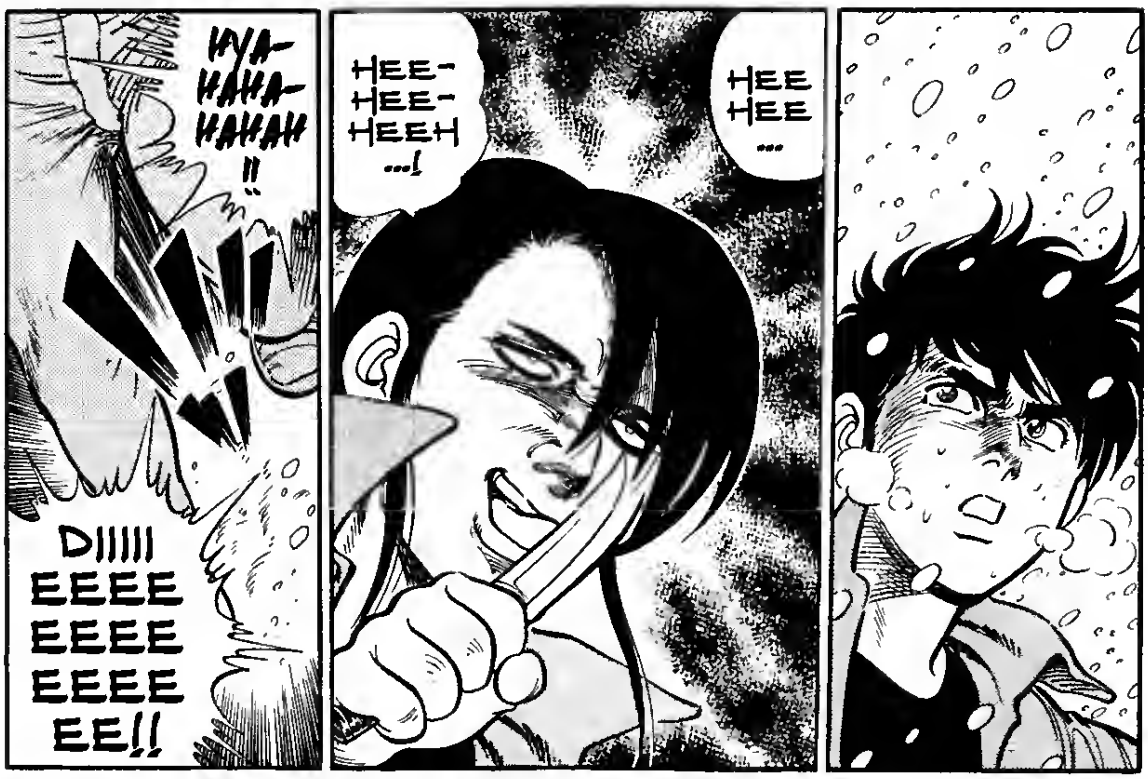
WAA UGH!!
OUTTA MY WAY!!
HE'S FUCKING MENTAL !!
H-HELP !!
W... WAAA AAAU GH!!
AIIIIIII EEEEE EEEEE !!


HYA-HAHA-HAHAH!!
DIIIII EEEE EEEE EEEE EE!!
HEE-HEE-HEEH...!
HEE HEE...

PUT THE KNIFE DOWN!!
K-KIDO! CUT IT OUT!

SHUT THE FUCK UP! YOU TRY AND STOP ME, AND I'LL FUCKING CUT YOU!!
...KIDO!?

AND HE SAYS HIS EYE STARTS ITCHING WHEN IT GETS COLD OUT... HEEHEEHEEH!
HEEHEEH... KENZAKI SAYS HI!
YOU'RE KIDO!?
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HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEEH ...!
HEE-HEEH ...
I-IF HE STABS HIM WITH THAT, HIS ABDOMINAL PRESSURE WILL FORCE THE BLADE UPWARDS, AND TEAR ALL THE WAY THROUGH HIS GUTS!!
H-HE'S POINTING THE BLADE OF THE KNIFE UPWARDS!!
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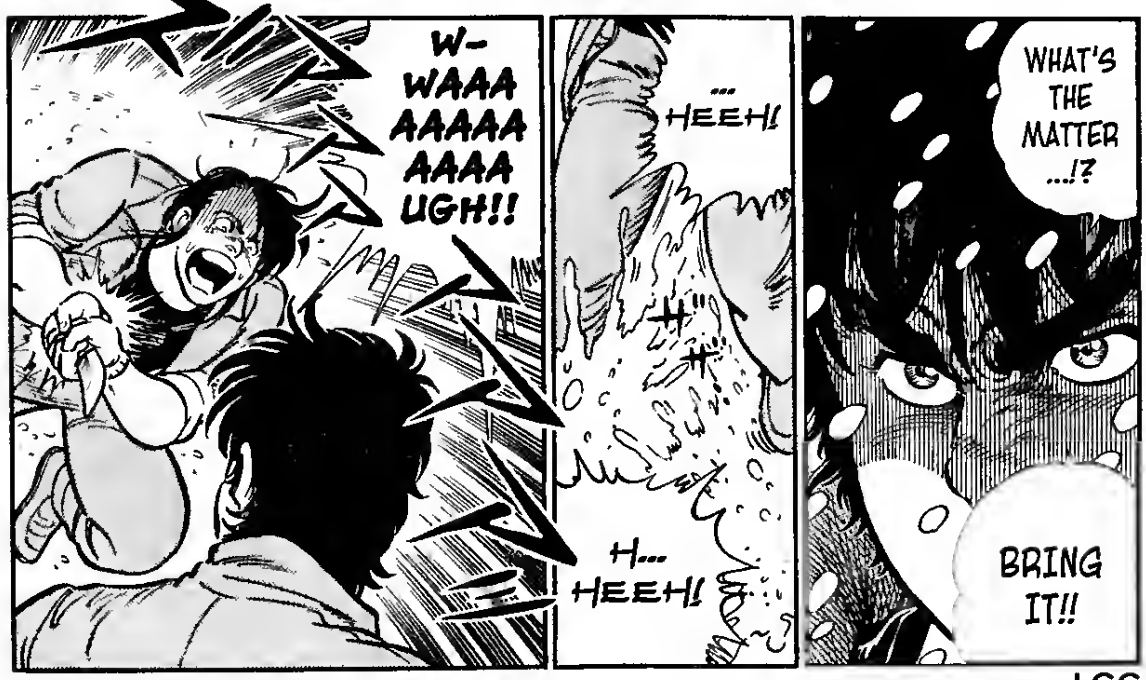
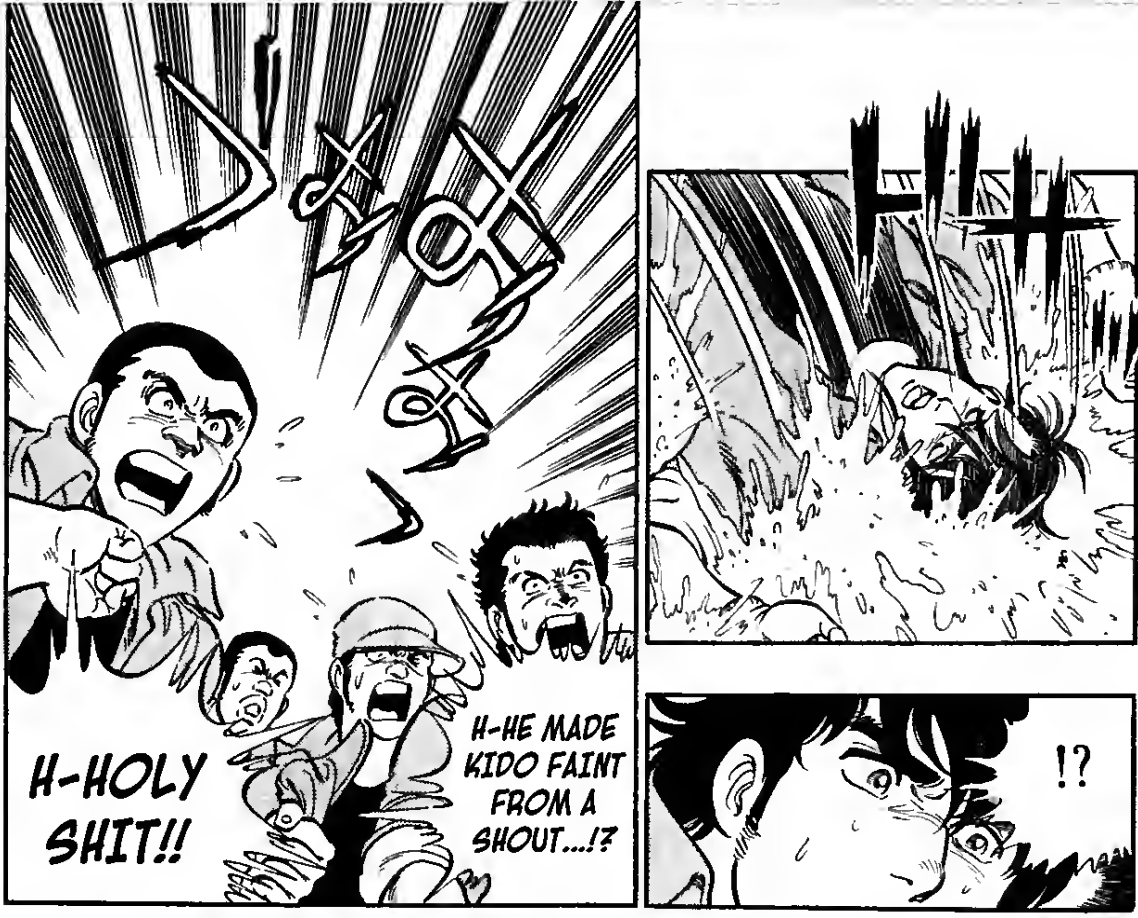

W-
WAAA
AAAAA
AAAA
UGH!!
...
HEEH!
H...
HEEH!
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
...!?
BRING
IT!!

KRRRR-
RRRRR-
RRRH!!
HEE...
EEEEEE
EEEEEE
EEEP!!


H-HOLY SHIT!!
H-HE MADE KIDO FAINT FROM A SHOUT...!?
!?

IS THIS THE POWER OF "CHI"...!?
IS THIS...
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KUDAN, TOKYO
NIPPON BUDOKAN
MEAN-WHILE...
武道館
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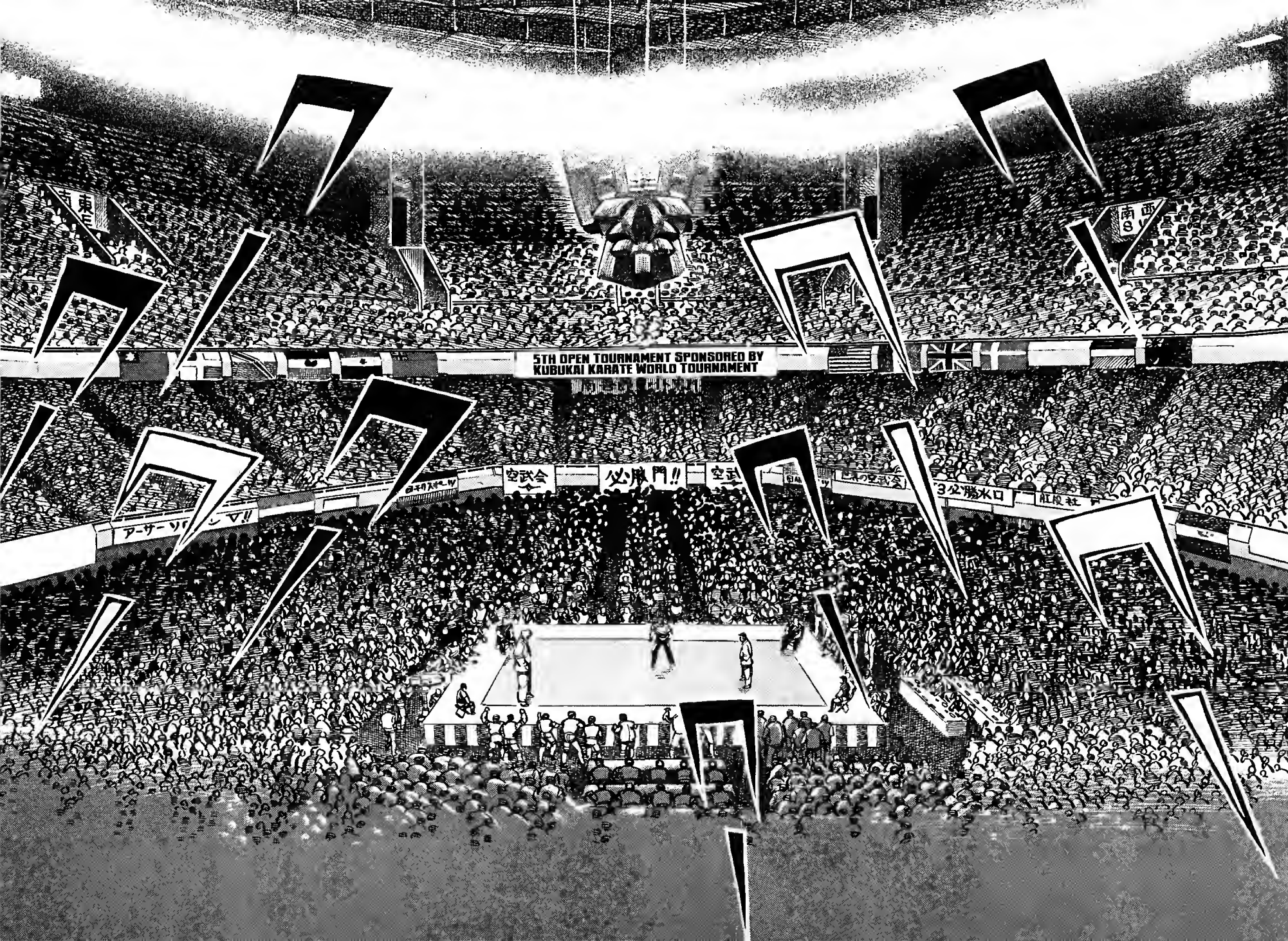
5TH OPEN TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY
KUBUKAI KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT
空武会
必殺門!!

THE FINAL MATCH OF THE FIFTH "KARATE WORLD TOURNAMENT"!!
WE WILL NOW BEGIN...
KIMON KYOTARO, 4TH DAN!!
GIVE 'EM HELL!!
YEAAAA HHHHHHH! YOU GO, KIMON!!
AFFILIATED WITH KUBUKAI'S TOKYO HEAD-QUARTERS...
JERSEY NUMBER 49...
49
AND JERSEY NUMBER 89, AFFILIATED WITH KUBUKAI'S USA BRANCH...
K-KIMON!!

ART-
HUR!!
ART-
HUR!!
ARTHUR
SOLOMON,
4TH DAN!!
HEY,
ART-
HUR!!
89
YEAH!
USA!
NUMBER
ONE!!
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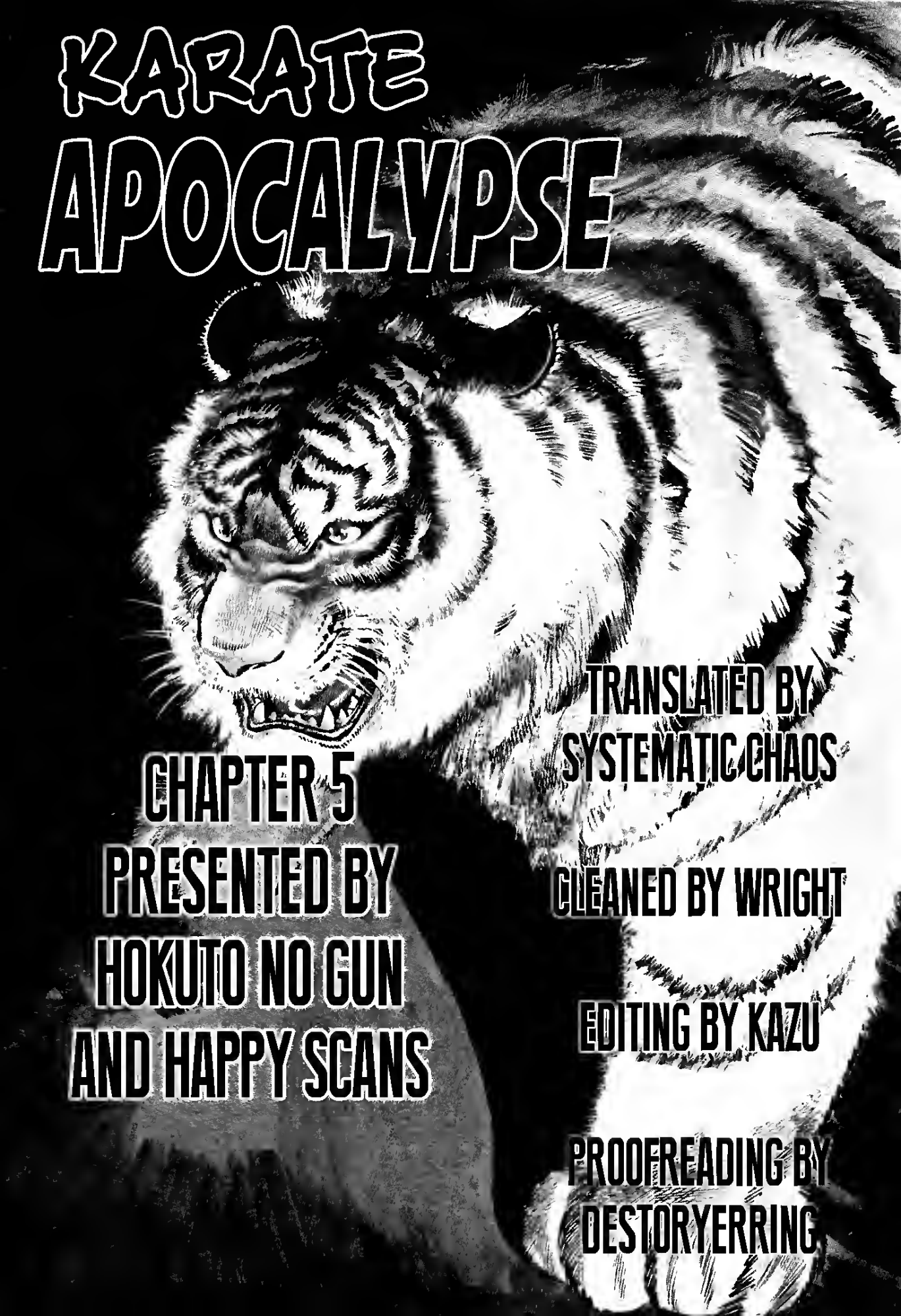
CHAPTER 5: PROLOGUE OF DESTINY – END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